

CODE FOR OBJECT IDENTIFICATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Codes are randomly generated for objects. There is no relationship between

5 the object and the code assigned to the object. The only meaning to the code is in the association between the code and the object in a database. The service supports requests for new codes for objects, and for inquiries about codes (either existing or not). An inquiry about a code returns information stored in the database associated with an object associated with the code.